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In conjunction with the RCE filed December 12, 2007, and in response to the Advisory Action dated October 26, 2007, and in response to the Final Office Action dated June 13, 2007, please reconsider the following application in light of the following comments. A petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently with this response. As applicant previously filed and paid for a one-month extension of time on October 4, 2007, the fee due is the difference between the fee for a three-month extension of time and a one-month extension of time.